

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:****1-5. (cancelled)**

6. (new) Indirect fire device for fixing fasteners in a substrate material, comprising a piston for driving a fastener movably mounted in a barrel and a plug guide for guiding a fastener towards the substrate material, the device being adapted to receive a magazine for receiving a strip of fasteners in order to introduce the fasteners one by one into the plug guide, each fastener being held in a sleeve comprising shearable means for connection to another sleeve, the device being characterised in that the plug guide includes a zone having an enlarged section at the opening of the magazine leading into the plug guide.

7. (new) Device according to claim 6, in which the zone having an enlarged section has a circular section.

8. (new) Device according to claim 7, in which, as the sleeves are connected together by means of bridges, the zone having an enlarged section has a diameter substantially equal to the diameter of the plug guide increased by the radial dimensions of a bridge.

9. (new) Device according to claim 6, the zone of which having an enlarged section extends axially over the length of a sleeve increased by the stroke of the plug guide for loading the device.

10. (new) Device according to claim 6, the zone of which having an enlarged section is connected by means of a truncated portion to the remainder of the bore of the plug guide.